

MONTANA LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

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Bill H 211 S _____ Original bill & history ☒ C

H. Committee on Local Govt.

Hearing Date(s) 1/16 ☒ C

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Date Out _____ C

S. Committee on Local Govt.

Hearing Date(s) 3/4 ☒ C

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Did this bill originate in an interim committee? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Committee _____

Report _____

LEGISLATIVE HISTORIES

The 1997 Montana Legislature dramatically changed the nature of legislative minutes. This altered format continues with the 1999 legislative minutes. The minutes from House committees are extremely sparse in content, offering no substantive information from which to glean legislative intent. The Senate committees' minutes are fuller in content.

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1/17	HEARING		
1/25	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL PASSED AS AMENDED		
2/11	2ND READING PASSED AS AMENDED	60	40
2/13	3RD READING PASSED	62	37
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE		
2/14	FIRST READING		
2/14	REFERRED TO TAXATION		
3/10	HEARING		
4/12	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL CONCURRED AS AMENDED		
4/15	2ND READING CONCURRED	35	13
4/16	3RD READING CONCURRED	36	14
	RETURNED TO HOUSE WITH AMENDMENTS		
4/17	2ND READING AMENDMENTS CONCURRED	78	22
4/17	3RD READING CONCURRED AS AMENDED	60	39
4/21	SIGNED BY SPEAKER		
4/24	SIGNED BY PRESIDENT		
4/25	TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR		
4/30	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR		
	CHAPTER NUMBER 448		
	EFFECTIVE DATE: 04/30/97—SECTIONS 7 & 18		
	EFFECTIVE DATE: 07/01/97—SECTIONS 1-6 & 8-17		

HB 211 INTRODUCED BY ROSE, ET AL. *LC0880 DRAFTER: COLHOUN*
 ALLOW THIRD-CLASS CITIES OR TOWNS TO CONTRACT FOR FIRE
 PROTECTION SERVICES

1/09	INTRODUCED		
1/09	FIRST READING		
1/09	REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
1/16	HEARING		
1/22	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL PASSED AS AMENDED		
1/24	2ND READING PASSED	98	1
1/25	3RD READING PASSED	97	0
	TRANSMITTED TO SENATE		
1/27	FIRST READING		
1/27	REFERRED TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT		
3/04	HEARING		
3/06	COMMITTEE REPORT—BILL CONCURRED		
3/10	2ND READING CONCURRED	50	0
3/11	3RD READING CONCURRED	50	0
	RETURNED TO HOUSE		
3/13	SIGNED BY SPEAKER		
3/14	SIGNED BY PRESIDENT		
3/17	TRANSMITTED TO GOVERNOR		
3/19	SIGNED BY GOVERNOR		
	CHAPTER NUMBER 96		
	EFFECTIVE DATE: 10/01/97		

HB 212 INTRODUCED BY RANEY, ET AL. *LC0612 DRAFTER: STERNBERG*
 PROVIDE FOR RIVER AND LAKE ISLAND PARKS ON STATE-OWNED OR
 STATE-LEASED ISLAND PROPERTY IN NAVIGABLE RIVERS, STREAMS,
 AND LAKES

1/10	INTRODUCED		
1/10	FIRST READING		
1/10	REFERRED TO FISH, WILDLIFE & PARKS		
1/10	FISCAL NOTE REQUESTED		
1/16	FISCAL NOTE RECEIVED		
1/16	SPONSOR FISCAL NOTE PRINTED		

INTRODUCED BY

House BILL NO. 211

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT ALLOWING THIRD-CLASS CITIES OR TOWNS TO CONTRACT FOR FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES; ALLOWING THIRD-CLASS CITIES OR TOWNS TO CONSOLIDATE FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES; AND AMENDING SECTION 7-33-4101, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 7-33-4101, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-33-4101. ~~Fire department protection services authorized and required. In every city and town of this state there shall be a fire department, which shall be~~ Each city and town of this state shall provide fire protection services, organized, managed, and controlled as provided in this part. To provide these services, a third-class city or town may contract for the services or may consolidate its fire protection services with another fire protection provider created under this part."

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MINUTES

MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By Chairman Norm Mills, on January 16, 1997, at
3:00 p.m., in Room 104.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Rep. Norm Mills, Chairman (R)
Rep. Chris Ahner, Vice Chairman (Majority) (R)
Rep. David Ewer, Vice Chairman (Minority) (D)
Rep. Ellen Bergman (R)
Rep. Sylvia Bookout-Reinicke (R)
Rep. Matt Brainard (R)
Rep. Bill Carey (D)
Rep. Matt Denny (R)
Rep. Charles R. Devaney (R)
Rep. Tim Dowell (D)
Rep. Antoinette R. Hagener (D)
Rep. Deb Kottel (D)
Rep. Bob Lawson (R)
Rep. Linda McCulloch (D)
Rep. Daniel W. McGee (R)
Rep. Wes Prouse (R)
Rep. Liz Smith (R)
Rep. Loren L. Soft (R)

Members Excused: Rep. Sam Kitzenberg (R)

Members Absent: Rep. Jon Ellingson (D)

Staff Present: Bart Campbell, Legislative Services Division
Debbie Thompson, Committee Secretary

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted: HB 69, 1/8; HB 140, 1/8; HB
211, 1/13
Executive Action: HB 130 TABLED 10-9

HEARING ON HB 211

Sponsor: Rep. John Rose, HD 87

Proponents:

Alec Hanson, Montana League of Cities and Towns

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3.6-8.0.}

Bob Worthington, MMIA

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 8.1; Comments: reduces duplication and costs.}

Ray Barncoat, Montana Association of Counties

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 9.3.}

Adam Dahlman, Teton County Commissioners - Exhibit 1, 1a, 1b.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 10.1-11.3.}

Tim Bergstrom

Opponents: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses:

REP. BOOKOUT questioned Mr. Adam Dolman.

REP. LAWSON

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 14.8; Comments: Rep. Lawson questioned Mr. Alec Hanson.}

REP. DEVANEY

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 18.2; Comments: Rep. Devaney provided information.}

REP. SOFT

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 19.4; Comments: Rep. Soft questioned Mr. Alec Hanson regarding meeting statute requirements.}

REP. BRAINARD

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 21.7; Comments: Rep. Brainard asked about private contracting. Mr. Worthington provided clarification.}

Closing by Sponsor:

Rep. Rose closed.

{Tape: 1; Side: B.}

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 55th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Call to Order: By CHAIRMAN TOM BECK, on March 4, 1997, at 3:16 p.m., in Room 405.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Thomas A. "Tom" Beck, Chairman (R)
Sen. Mike Sprague, Vice Chairman (R)
Sen. Dorothy Eck (D)
Sen. Sharon Estrada (R)
Sen. Wm. E. "Bill" Glaser (R)
Sen. Don Hargrove (R)
Sen. John "J.D." Lynch (D)
Sen. Walter L. McNutt (R)
Sen. Fred R. Van Valkenburg (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Martha Colhoun, Legislative Services Division
Jodi Jones, Committee Secretary

Please Note: These are summary minutes. Testimony and discussion are paraphrased and condensed.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing(s) & Date(s) Posted:	HB 60	Posted 2/20/97
	HB 211	Posted 2/20/97
	HB 69	Posted 2/20/97

Executive Action:	HB 60	To Be Concurred In
	HB 211	To Be Concurred In
	HB 69	To Be Concurred In
	HB 255	Tabled

HEARING ON HB 211

Sponsor: REPRESENTATIVE SAM ROSE, HD 87, Choteau

Proponents:

Alec Hansen, MT League of Cities and Towns
Bob Worthington, MMIA
Tim Bergstrom, MT State Firemen's Assoc.

Opponents: None

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

REPRESENTATIVE SAM ROSE, HD 87, Choteau, presented HB 211. He said this is to amend a law that is causing problems for Rural Fire Departments. Under current law, all cities and towns have to maintain separate fire departments, however municipal and rural fire departments often work together. But municipal departments are still required to be separate from rural departments and this is where the problem has developed. In Choteau many of the volunteers belong to both departments. The conflict is who pays the Workmen's Compensation. Because the law is not clear, they must provide Workmens Comp. for both the city and the county. These double premiums increase the cost of fire protection to the people in the district. This will give cities the option to contract and cooperate with rural fire districts. This will create better and more efficient fire districts in our rural communities and it is entirely optional. Fire protection will still be required by cities and towns but the law will allow the service to be provided to contract or consolidated fire departments. This will also provide services at a more reasonable rate.

Proponents' Testimony:

Alec Hansen, MT League of Cities and Towns, spoke in favor of HB 211. Under the old law a fire department is required in every city and town and they have separate management. If this bill was passed, a third class city or town, which is anything under 5000 inhabitants, could contract with a rural fire department to provide services within the town or they could consolidate. For years the county has been able to contract with other counties for police protection and this has saved a lot of money. It will make the fire departments more efficient, save the tax-payers money and create less jurisdictional confusion.

Bob Worthington, MMIA, supported HB 211. There are several problems with duplication of insurance issues. This bill will clear the lines of liability and make it simpler for these organizations to operate.

Tim Bergstom, MT State Firemen's Assoc., said their organizations strongly supports this bill.

Opponents' Testimony: None

Questions From Committee Members and Responses: None

Closing by Sponsor:

REPRESENTATIVE ROSE, closed on HB 211.

{Tape: 1; Side: A; Approx. Time Count: 3:23 p.m.; Comments: .}